

**BEFORE**  
**THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DOCKET NO. 2012-136-C**

IN RE:

Office of Regulatory Staff Petition to  
Review FCC Mandated Reductions to  
Intrastate Access Tariffs

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**PETITION TO INTERVENE**

Petitioner Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (“Sprint” or “Petitioner”), by its undersigned attorneys, hereby petitions the South Carolina Public Service Commission (the “Commission”), pursuant to Rule 103-825 of the Commission’s Rules, for an order allowing Sprint to intervene in the above referenced Docket, with full rights to participate as a party of record. In support of its petition, Sprint would show the Commission the following:

1. On November 18, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") released its order on "Universal Service and Intercarrier Compensation Reform". *In the Matter of Establishing just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, et al*, WC Docket No. 07-135 *et al.*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161 (rel. Nov. 18, 2011), the ("ICC Reform Order").

2. On March 29, 2012, the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) filed a petition requesting that the Commission order all local exchange carriers affected by the ICC Reform Order to file appropriate tariff revisions on or before June 1, 2012, which would provide the

ORS, the Commission, and others the opportunity to review the proposed tariff filings prior to the July 1, 2012 deadline established by the FCC. The ORS petition also proposed in its petition that the current intrastate access rates would remain in effect through June 30, 2012. It also stated that unless suspended by the Commission, the new intercarrier compensation rates should be automatically effective beginning on July 1, 2012, subject to a true-up to the extent that the Commission subsequently determines that the submitted rates require modification.

3. The ORS requested in its petition that the Commission establish a proceeding and a deadline of June 1, 2012 for the requisite tariff filings, including Supporting Documentation.

4. Sprint is a local exchange and interexchange carrier authorized by the Commission to provide telecommunications services in South Carolina. As a telecommunications carrier doing business in South Carolina, Sprint has an interest in the appropriate implementation of the ICC Reform Order, and seeks to participate in this Docket in order to protect and pursue its interests.

5. Petitioner should therefore be permitted to intervene in this proceeding in order to participate fully and present testimony and other evidence as appropriate.

6. Petitioner's authorized representative in this proceeding is:

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7. Sprint asserts that the granting of its Petition to Intervene will not in any way delay the proceedings in this Docket.

WHEREFORE, Sprint prays for the Commission to:

- a. Grant this Petition to Intervene and make Petitioner a party of record in Docket No. 2012-136-C, allowing Petitioner to participate fully and take such positions as it deems advisable; and
- b. Grant such other relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that I have caused to be served this day, the **Petition to Intervene** filed by Sprint Communications Company, L.P., by placing a copy of same in the care and custody of the United States Postal Service (unless otherwise specified), with proper first-class postage affixed hereto and addressed as follows:

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